(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Hotel accommodation was provided to 11 passengers in transit who were from places outside Bombay and were entitled to this facility as per Indian Airlines regulations.

Birla Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Delhi

2531. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers on the roll of the Birla Cotton, Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited, Delhi (Birla Textiles, Delhi) as in July 1982, July 1983 and July 1984;

(b) whether the management had sought permission for closing down certain departments of the Mills;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the workers who were retrenched during the last two years have been paid their dues;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether Government are aware, that on the 30th April 1984, Delhi Metropolitan Council passed a resolution demanding the nationalisation of Birla Textiles; and

(g) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) According to available information, the number of workers on the roll of M/s Birla Textiles, Delhi on July, 1982, July 1983 and April 1984 was about 6434, 5512 and 5500 respectively.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) According to information received from the Delhi administration no workmen has been retrenched for the last two years by the Mill management.

(f) Yes, Sir

(g) Government do not propose to nationalise the unit at present.

Setting up of an Export Processing Zone in or around Delhi

2532. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision with regard to the project for the setting up of an export processing zone in or around Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to set up a new Export Processing Zone at Noida, District Ghaziabad, U.P. at a short distance from Delhi. The followings action has already been taken in this connection:

((i) Notification has been issued for setting up of the NOIDA EPZ.

(ii) The site for the proposed NOIDA EPZ has since been approved by an Inter-Ministerial 'Site Selection and Approval Committee'.

(iii) Notification regarding the setting up of a high-level body called NOIDA EPZ Authority for dealing with policy issues and laying

down the paper parameters for working of the NOIDA EPZ has been issued.

(iv) Notification has already been issued for the constitution of an Inter-Ministerial Board of Approvals.

(v) The Post of the Development Commission and nucletus supporting staff has been created; and

(vi) Detailed Project Report and cost estimates for NOIDA Export Processing Zone have been prepared by the State Government concerned for land development, provision of infrastructure and other essential facilities on the site approved.

Action against senior officials of Punjab and Sind Bank

2533. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI JAGADAMBI PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI has recommended action against ten senior officials of the Punjab and Sind Bank; if so, what are the names and designations of these officials; and

(b) what action Government have taken against these officials on the basis of the CBI report?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) The Punjab and Sind Bank has reported that the Central Bureau of Investigation after investigations, has recommended action against 6 officers of the bank, who are of the rank of Area Manager and above. It may not be in public interest to disclose the names and other details of this officers.

(b) The bank has reported that on one of the officers a charge sheet has been served upon and he has been placed under suspension. 3 cases have been referred by the bank to the Central Vigilance Commission for advice as required under the rules. The bank is taking appropriate action, under the rules, in respect of the remaining 2 cases.

Black money unearthed during 1984

2534. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of black money unearthed during the first two quarters of 1984 and how it compares with the quarterly figures for 1983; and

(b) what specific steps have been taken to intensify efforts for unearthing black money during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: (a) The value of prima facie unaccounted assets seized in course of searches during the first 2 quarters of 1983 and 1984 is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Period	Value of assets seized	
	1983	1984
1st quarter (1st Jan. to 31st March)	6.76	6.88
2nd quarter (1st April to 30th June)	3.86	3.28

(b) All possible measures to check circulation and prevent further proliferation of black money including administrative legislative and institutional are being taken from time to time. A number of provisions in this direction have already been made in the Finance Act 1984.